





# Infection Control and Furniture



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CQC regulations, along with WHO guidelines, offer clear guidance on cleaning regimes under normal conditions. Due to Covid 19, these conditions have been increased significantly, from the cleaning chemicals that are to be used, to the frequency and depth of the cleaning.

## What should I consider?

-  Frequency of cleaning
-  Condition of upholstery
-  Choosing the right materials
-  Cleaning products



## Frequency of cleaning...

Gov.uk states that: 'As a minimum, frequently touched surfaces should be wiped down twice a day, and one of these should be at the beginning or the end of the working day.'

Items such as chair rests and arms, and dining tables and chairs fall into the category of 'frequently touched surfaces' and therefore must also be cleaned this frequently.



## Condition of upholstery...

Rips and tears in upholstery can allow micro organisms to enter the furniture and pose a risk transmitting infection. If torn, upholstery is not protected by an anti-microbial cover and is not easily cleanable.



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Choosing a durable material for your soft furnishings is essential in improving infection control.

At Andway Healthcare, we measure all of our fabrics against the commonly used Martindale rub test.

If you would like to know more about our specialist fabrics or to order some samples, please contact us:

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## Choosing the right materials...

**Vinyl** is one of the best options for infection control in furniture as it is durable, waterproof and robust. Infection Prevention and Control on furniture matches the ability to thoroughly clean the material.

Andway offer high contact areas (seat, arms and back) in wipeable vinyl with fabric on the outer areas for a more aesthetic appeal.

Andway work very closely with all our manufacturers to ensure they meet strict care home requirements, ensuring they are CQC compliant and meet Infection Prevention and Control standards.

All of our care home specific fabrics and faux leathers are CRIB 5 Fire rated and waterproofed to the relevant heat test results. Care home specific fabrics and faux leathers are anti-microbial and anti-fungal.

The majority of our fabrics will not support the growth of many organisms, including e-coli, and salmonella and each swatch card will confirm the exact details on request.





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## Cleaning products...

CQC recommend all furniture is washed with warm water and detergent, with frequent laundry of clothing.

Andway recommend Atlanticide Ultra Virucidal cleaner for all\* furniture cleaning.

Atlanticide passes EN 1276, 13704, 1650, 14476 & 14675 regulations, and is manufactured in the UK to ISO 9001, 14001 & 18001. It is independently proven to kill coronavirus and the HIV, Hepatitis C and H1N1 Influenza viruses. Atlanticide is also certified to kill Clostridium difficile, MRSA and common food poisoning bacteria including Salmonella typhimurium, Listeria monocytogenes and Escherichia coli.



### ATLANTICIDE VIRUCIDAL CLEANER

Stock Code: C066 (5L container)

T066 (Trigger spray)

[www.andwayhealthcare.com/EN14476-Coronavirus-Products](http://www.andwayhealthcare.com/EN14476-Coronavirus-Products)

We also have available specific fabric and upholstery disinfectant, proven to kill Covid 19 and enveloped viruses.

\* Atlanticide may soften and dull the lacquer if sprayed and wiped regularly on wooden furniture with a lacquered surface.

Please contact us to discuss how we can help you keep your furniture Covid 19 safe:

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